

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

October 6, 2015

6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight/Chairperson, Marie Hurley, Joe Carta – via conference call, Keith Vinci, Elderrean Paules, Phil Cacciola

Absent: August DeFrance, Richard Pelletier, Sky Biney – Youth in Government,

Staff Present: Deb Stanley – Acting Director, Recreation/Community Services, Karen Nocera, Recreation/Community Services

General Public: Paiton Guevarez.

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:01pm.

3. Public Hearing:

4. Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 1, 2015, was made by Keith Vinci and seconded by Marie Hurley. The motion was passed. Elderrean Paules abstained from voting because she was not present at the September meeting.*

Departmental Reports:

- Marie Hurley stated that everything is the same. They are working on the force main and paying bills until the referendum comes up in November. A discussion ensued.
- Elderrean Paules stated that Monarca Place is at full capacity. There was a resident that passed away but that apartment was then filled. Karen Brown has semi- retired from the Middletown Housing authority. A discussion ensued.
- Karen Nocera stated that there are many programs going on. There is a Socialize and Paint program that will be held this Friday. It is a program that is combined with both Recreation and Senior Services. The Lady Katherine cruise is on October 13, 2015 and unfortunately Joe Carta cannot attend because his wheelchair is too wide. Karen and Keith went down to try to figure out a way to accommodate Joe but were unable to do so. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Carta stated that everything is going well.
- Keith Vinci stated that a young man that worked at Stop and Shop lost his job because someone complained about him and Stop and Shop believed the complainant thereby firing the employee. They coerced the employee into signing a letter of resignation from his job. This committee needs to have more clout. Perhaps the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities should meet with Common Council and ask for more clout. The young man has difficulty processing information and this young man is now out of a job. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight stated that he did speak to the Moderators during training however there was still an issue when he voted. The Registrar of Voters made an agreement which allows Marty to speak at all Moderator training sessions. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

- Paiton Guevarez stated that the issue with the sidewalks is on the corner of Spring and Main Street the house number is 7. Debbie will send a second letter to the Public Works department to fix this sidewalk issue. There are more sidewalks located at Lawrence School that are in disrepair. They are falling apart. Debbie will write a letter to the Board of Education to notify them of this issue and ask that they repair these sidewalks. A discussion ensued.
- Marty asked the Committee about the November meeting. The meeting date falls on Election Day. A motion was made by Marie Hurley and seconded by Elderrean Paules to cancel the November 2015 CCPD meeting due to the Election.

Adjournment: A motion of adjournment was made by Marie Hurley and was seconded by Elderrean Paules. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte